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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 8/23/07 AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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## **Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] In an in person interview (on Nov. 13, 2007), Examiner Gee and I discussed the §112¶1 rejections, distinctions between the claims and the cited art, and potential claim amendments.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

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